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1. PER REF A, EMBOFF AND FAMILY TRAVELED ON APRIL 16 TO SERPUKHOV. UPON TURNING OFF MAIN ROAD TO TULA THEY WERE STOPPED BY GAI AT POST OUTSIDE SERPUKHOV, AND WERE TOLD IT IS FORBIDDEN TO TRAVEL THERE. EMBOFF WAS READY FOR THIS LINE, HOWEVER, AND PRESENTED A COPY OF THE NEW REGULATIONS ISSUED BY MFA WHICH INDICATE THAT SERPUKHOV IS OPEN TO FOREIGNERS. GAI REPRESENTATIVE WAS VISIBLY DISTURBED AND WENT TO HIS SHACK TO CHECK. AFTER RATHER LENGTHY WAIT HE CALLED EMBOFF INTO HIS SHACK, WHERE HE REGISTERED HIM AND HIS AUTOMOBILE, AND ALLOWED EMBOFF AND FAMILY TO ENTER CITY.

2. SERPUKHOV ITSELF PROVED TO BE AN UNATTRACTIVE TOWN WHICH (ON THE BASIS OF SUPERFICIAL OBSERVATION) SEEMS ABOUT AS POORLY PROVIDED FOR AS OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS OUTSIDE OF THE MAIN METROPOLITAN CENTERS OF THE USSR.

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3. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT GAI IN SERPUKHOV HAD NOT BEEN NOTIFIED BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF NEW TRAVEL REGULATIONS. THIS IS SIMILAR TO EXPERIENCE EMBOFF HAD WITH GAI REPRESENTATIVES IN MOZHAISK SEVERAL WEEKS AGO (REF B). FROM THIS TEST IT WOULD APPEAR THAT, PROVIDED EMBOFF IS READY TO ARGUE POINT AND HAS

COPY OF TRAVEL REGULATIONS IN HAND, HE CAN USE ROAD
THROUGH SERPUKHOV. TOON

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